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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA

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FOR AMBASSADOR

1. DEPT CURRENTLY PREPARING INSTRUCTION WHICH WILL SEEK
EMBASSY AND CINCUNC VIEWS ON SPECIFIC ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF
REDUCING UNC VISIBILITY AND LIMITING ITS FUNCTIONS TO
MAINTENANCE OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. MESSAGE IS NOW IN
DEFENSE. FOLLOWING DISPATCH OF THIS MESSAGE AND RECEIPT
OF YOUR VIEWS, WE HOPE TO BE IN POSITION TO AUTHORIZE
DISCUSSIONS WITH ROKG IN FIRST PART OF MAY.

2. FYI. OBVIOUSLY, WE SHARE FONMIN'S CONCERN OVER
POSSIBLE VOTING PATTERNS AT 30TH UNGA ON NORTH KOREAN PRO-
POSALS. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THAT ROKG HAS FULLY EXAMINED
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PROPOSALS LOOKING TOWARDS ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL

COMMISSION, TO SUPPLANT THE UNC, EITHER WITH RESPECT TO THEIR TACTICAL USEFULNESS AT UNGA OR THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO OUR MUTUAL SECURITY INTERESTS IN MAINTAINING ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. WHILE WE HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT ITS UTILITY, WE WOULD NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY CONSIDERING SOME TACTICAL

VARIANT OF PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION IF IT APPEARED NECESSARY TO DEFLECT OR DEFEAT MORE UNHELPFUL PROPOSAL FROM OTHER QUARTERS. BUT WE WOULD SEE EVEN THIS AS MUCH FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD AND AFTER WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS IMPACT AMONG UN DELEGATIONS OF OUR OWN MOVES RE UNC. AS YOU POINTED OUT TO KIM, WE WOULD NOT WISH ROKG TO TAKE PRECIPITOUS STEPS WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE OUR CURRENTLY AGREED UPON APPROACH. END FYI.

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